

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

We are writing on behalf of Canadian businesses to express our support for Canada entering into consultations toward joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations.

Joining the TPP is critical as it is becoming the main trade liberalization instrument for the Asia Pacific region. Strategically strengthening Canada's trade and investment relationship with this region is a priority for Canadian businesses in light of the region's growing economic importance. Moreover, through the TPP Canada could further advance its interests to ensure rules-based trade.

As your government intensifies its discussions with the original nine parties to the negotiations, we encourage you to signal Canada's willingness to table ambitious and comprehensive offers that promote Canada's best economic interests.

As Canada negotiates its accession to the TPP and assuming we become a party to the negotiations, you can rely on our organizations to engage the Canadian business community and work with Canada's negotiating team to ensure the TPP leads to a net increase in Canada's exports of domestically produced goods and services, as well as higher levels of production, investment and employment in Canada.

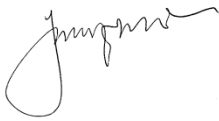
From a strategic perspective, we also suggest that the government consult closely with our NAFTA partners to leverage each other's presence at the negotiating table when our interests converge, and ultimately achieve an outcome that reflects our common trade and economic priorities. Moreover, please note that we can engage Canadian business allies in the TPP region such as Canadian companies present in these markets, their suppliers and customers to voice their support for Canada joining the TPP as it is in our trading partners' best interests.

We thank you for your leadership on this issue and look forward to continuing to work with you and your government to create a more prosperous Canada.

Sincerely,

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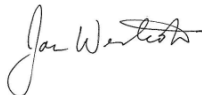
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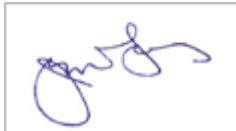
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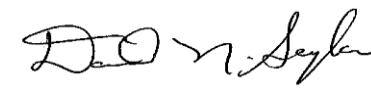
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